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Safety: the key to success on and off duty.

News in Brief

509th MedGp seeks input

The 509th Medical Group seeks 10 volunteers for a "Together We Get Better" meeting at 10 a.m. July 29 in the MedGp conference room. The goal is to determine what's good at the MedGp and what can be done better. For more details, call Tech. Sgt. Kelli Remmert at 687-4312.

Airmen can carry over more leave

Airmen who have been unable to take leave because they were supporting contingency operations will be allowed to accumulate up to 90 days of leave until the end of fiscal 2004.

Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve airmen who performed full-time training or duty for more than 29 days are also eligible for leave accrual.

Those who meet the criteria should apply for special leave accrual. For more details, call the military personnel flight at 687-6426.

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Weather

Saturday

Partly cloudy



H 101 °

L 76 °

Sunday

Partly cloudy



H 102 °

L 78 °

For more complete weather information, visit <https://www.whiteman.af.mil/509oss/osw/index.htm>. Courtesy of 509th OSS/OSW



Photo by Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp

Airman 1st Class Craig Meyer, 509th Munitions Squadron Armament Flight member, demonstrates how to use a digital micrometer as Nuclear Surety Staff Assistance Visit team member Senior Master Sgt. David Matney looks on. A 38-member Air Combat Command NSSAV team examined the 509th Bomb Wing's nuclear surety regulations and programs for compliance during the weeklong visit. This visit is a precursor for the Nuclear Surety Inspection in December.

NSSAV team tests 509th



Courtesy photo

Staff Sgt. Josh Flaherty, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron explosive ordnance disposal team member, performs a damage assessment of a weapon involved in an mock accident for the Nuclear Surety Staff Assistance Visit evaluation.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp

Senior Airman Ricardo Zuniga lights up the bomb bay of a B-2 as Staff Sgt. Kelly Duffendack secures a bomb rack during the Nuclear Surety Staff Assistance Visit Tuesday. Both are members of the 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 325th Aircraft Maintenance Unit.

Commander's Corner

By Col. Ned Schoeck

509th Bomb Wing Vice Commander

NSSAV SUCCESS!! Thanks to our entire wing plans staff and everyone else who put in that extra effort to make this week's Nuclear Surety Staff Assistance Visit a big success.

The NSSAV team was here to dig deep and see how we really do business — and they did! They identified our problems, found our vulnerabilities and informed us of the discrepancies. Thanks for opening up your programs to the team. That's the way the "best" get "better!" Let's take their inputs, make the adjustments, and prepare to "shock and awe" the inspectors in December!

GLOBAL REACH ... GLOBAL POWER!! Once again, 509ers are headed overseas to showcase the B-2's unique capabilities — range, stealth, payload and precision — and although no weapons will be dropped, the whole world will still be watching and studying us. When you're on the winning team, people want to know what makes you tick!

For the fourth straight year, B-2s will fly over the Royal International Air Tattoo in the United Kingdom. This event draws an estimated 1 million people each day, and with our well-known role in Operation Iraqi Freedom, all eyes will undoubtedly be on our aerial ambassadors from the 325th Bomb Squadron. Special thanks to Capt. Jonathan Eckerman and Timmy Hale, 325th BS, and 1st Lt. Paul Smith and Senior Master Sgt. Brian Agan, 509th AMXS, for their planning and coordination of this event. Thanks also to the Kansas Air National Guard "Coyotes" from



Topeka for helping us with our airlift requirements!

NOT JUST TEA AND CRUMPETS!! On Tuesday and Wednesday, Whiteman hosted Air Vice-Marshal David Hobart, Assistant Chief of the Defense Staff (Policy) for the United Kingdom. He and his staff went to Washington, D.C., for high-level defense talks with their U.S. counterparts. Their one request was to visit the Global Power specialists — the 509th Bomb Wing — before returning home. AVM Hobart and his team were highly impressed.

It's a credit to each of you that our base, our unit and our mission are world-renowned! Special thanks to 509th Operations Support Squadron Commander Lt. Col. Brian O'Rear and 509th BW Protocol's Jo Ostendorf for making this visit a success.

THAT'S THE SPIRIT!! Take some time to read this week's Whiteman Spirit Award. Senior Airman Michael and Susan McCutcheon went above and beyond the normal call of duty to help out some newcomers — no surprise to those of you who've been in the wing for a while — but still a testament to the team and family spirit of the 509th!!

NOW TEACH US A THING OR TWO!! Congratulations to all the NCO Academy graduates — we will count on you in the coming weeks and months to prepare our airmen to be the leaders of tomorrow!

TIME TO SADDLE UP AGAIN — OR AT LEAST PRACTICE IT!! Thankfully, a lot of our 509th teammates have returned from their aerospace expeditionary force rotations. That doesn't mean we can forget about mobility! We still have people deploying in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. On Tuesday, Senior Master Sgt. Jodie McKanna, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, will lead 19 firefighters in our continuing war on terrorism.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan

Staff Sgt. Christian Ibarra and Airman 1st Class William Fields review their travel itineraries at the deployment center. The 325th Aircraft Maintenance Unit members were deployed in support of the Royal International Air Tattoo at Royal Air Force Fairford, United Kingdom.

Do you know which AEF you're assigned to? Do you have a bag ready to go? In just over a week, we'll have an exercise to evaluate our individual and unit readiness to do our job — to fly, fight and win — anytime, anywhere. And that means we could deploy — anytime, anywhere! Take some time to review your procedures, your equipment and your records. In the air, speed is life — but readiness for mobility is our way of life.

SAFETY MAKES COMBAT SENSE AND COMMON SENSE!! The Air Force continues to lose our most important resource — brave men and women — to accidents and injuries. You take care of the mission, so the best summer plans are the ones that take care of you!

Enjoy life: 'Leave nothing in the tank'

By Maj. Scott Ross

509th Services Squadron Commander

I'm going to start this article off with a bold statement. If you're not enjoying yourself, if you're not happy, or if you're bored, it's your own fault!

Many people probably fall into one of two groups. Some people aren't offended because they're having a great time and know they deserve the credit for making their life exciting. If this is you, read on and then put this down and go out and tell someone else how to enjoy life as much as you do. Others may be offended, but are willing to read on to learn a way to make it better.

"Be strong, have faith and now go out there, make a difference and leave nothing in the tank!"

Wow! These powerful words stand out among the best I've heard. Our own wing career assistance adviser, Senior Master Sgt. Bobby Rush, said this. If you heard him finish his speech with this demand at a recent Airman Leadership School gradua-

tion and didn't get a chance to take notes, I know he's willing to part with a copy pretty cheap. He talked about leadership, tough love, stepping up to challenges and taking advantage of opportunities.

At the last base community council dinner, many people had enjoyed the opportunity to hear NASA astronaut Col. Pamela Melroy. She told us the moving story of a little girl with big dreams of going into space. She spoke with passion and enthusiasm about the life she now enjoys because she took advantage of opportunities along the way. We call people like Colonel Melroy our heroes because we're impressed with what they've done to make their lives what it is and long to do the same in our lives.

We can't improve our lives by hanging out in our homes playing video games or watching TV. We do it by participating in all the wonderful opportunities that are open to us.

As airmen, we enjoy opportunities oth-

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Photo by Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp

Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp shows Senior Airman Joe Kablan, Maj. Scott Ross, and Airmen 1st Class Ray Johnson and Juan Zamora how to use a propane camping stove.

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New command chief master sergeant joins ACC

By Tech. Sgt. Patrick Murphy
Air Combat Command Public Affairs

LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. (ACCNS) — The 15th former Air Force command chief master sergeant is Air Combat Command's new command chief. Chief Master Sgt. Rodney Ellison succeeds Chief Master Sgt. Daniel Keane, who retired July 11 after a career spanning 29 years.



In his new position, Chief Ellison will advise the ACC commander, Gen. Hal Hornburg, on matters influencing the health, welfare, morale and effective use of more than 84,000 enlisted people. He will also serve as the commander's representative to numerous committees, councils, boards, and military and civilian functions.

"ACC is the pinnacle for a warfighter, the ultimate for a combat airman," Chief Ellison said. "This is the greatest

opportunity for a command chief master sergeant. I look forward to working with the great airmen of ACC.

"We have some challenges ahead. We have forces in Iraq and elsewhere engaged in the war on terrorism; that means as an expeditionary force, our operations tempo will remain high. We'll be looking to airmen of every rank to help us with the issues that are associated with high operations tempo: retention, quality of life and family care."

As the 15th Air Force's command chief, Chief Ellison was responsible to the commander for the performance, care, conduct and effective use of more than 20,000 enlisted people in the continental United States and the Pacific Theater.

"General Hornburg is getting the cream of the crop and the best there is in Chief Rodney Ellison," said Maj. Gen. John Becker, the 15th Air Force commander. "He'll be an awesome advocate for the men and women of ACC, and he'll always have their best interests at heart. There simply isn't a better command chief in the Air Force."

The chief entered active duty in December 1976 as a ground radio operator. He retrained into the command and control career field in 1980 and held noncommissioned-

officer-in-charge or superintendent positions over the years at various locations, including California, Turkey, Arizona, Virginia, Korea and Colorado.

As a senior master sergeant assigned to the North American Aerospace Defense Command, Cheyenne Mountain, Colo., Chief Ellison was named one of the Air Force's 12 outstanding airmen in 1994. The chief is humble about this honor.

"It's not about you," he said. "It's about people you work for or with. I've been blessed working with wonderful people who have taken care of me."

From August 1995 to July 1996, he served as Air Force Space Command's Command and Control functional manager at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo. He was also the chairman of the Air Force/Air Force Association's Enlisted Council from 1995 to 1998.

After serving as commandant of the Peterson NCO Academy from July 1996 to August 1998, Chief Ellison was the command chief master sergeant for the 62nd Air-lift Wing, McChord AFB, Wash. He became the command chief for the 15th Air Force, Travis AFB, Calif., in September 2000.

No risks allowed

Staff Sgt. Bryan Teeple, 325th Bomb Squadron, checks his motorcycle to ensure it will run properly. In the first half of the 101 Critical Days of Summer, 14 airmen were killed in private motor vehicle accidents. Eight of those accidents involved motorcycles. Since October, 33 airmen have died from preventable motor vehicle accidents. Air Force leaders emphasize operational risk management as a way to keep airmen safe. A tool to help people think through the risk associated with an activity, ORM consists of:

- ✓ Determining the risks associated with an action or activity.
- ✓ Weighing the risks against the benefits.
- ✓ Controlling the risks.

The fundamental principle of ORM is to accept no unnecessary risk. Another part of risk management is being vigilant with regard to the safety of other airmen. People are the Air Force's most valuable asset. Deaths don't just affect family and friends, they affect the whole Air Force mission.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Nick Martin

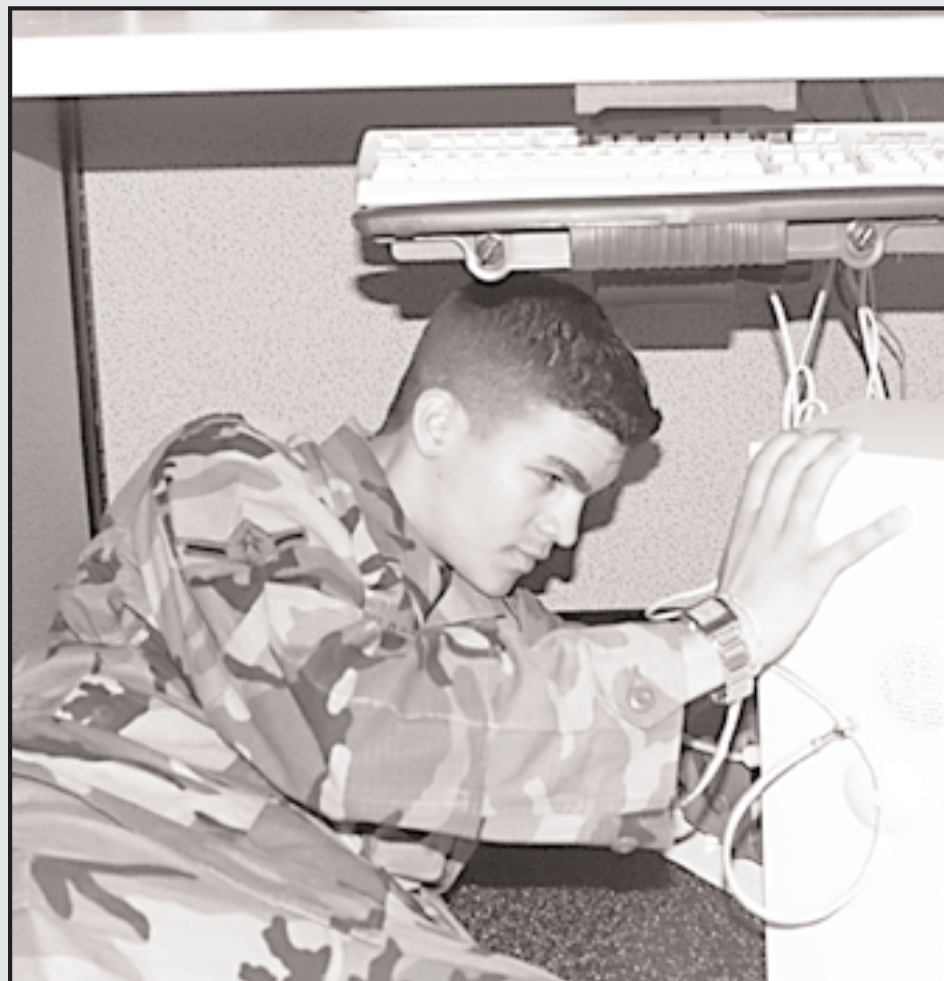


Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan

Cyber Cafe upgrades

Airman Creighton Chilcote, 509th Communications Squadron, connects a computer to the Internet at the Cyber Cafe. The upgrades at the Cyber Cafe include four new computers and workstations with Internet access, and six more in the near future. A small dining area was removed for the renovations. The Cyber Cafe is open 5:30-1 a.m. daily.

Centennial of flight



The B-35, produced in 1946, had a wingspan of 172 feet. Elimination of the fuselage and tail reduced the airplane to a nearly pure surface where every part contributed to its weight-lifting ability.

Sortie board



Monthly

Fiscal year

	B-2	A-10	T-38		B-2	A-10	T-38
Goal	560.0	845.0	404.6	Goal	6,350.0	5,445.0	4,200.0
Flown	327.4	277.5	203.1	Flown	6,202.2	4,293.2	3,274.0

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Photo by Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp, inset by Airman 1st Class Nick Martin

Warthog makeover

Master Sgt. Brian Bass, 442nd Maintenance Squadron, sprays Advanced Performance Coating paint on a weapons pylon on the A-10 static display parked near Mitchell Avenue. The project to improve the aesthetics of the display, directed by Senior Master Sgt. Allen Scott, 442nd MXS. Hager and five other squadron members — Master Sgt. Rich Kengor, Tech. Sgts. Duston Ross, Tom Hager and Randy Slaight, and Senior Airman Zach Ledsworth, took two days to finish — finishing one day ahead of schedule. The APC paint is the same coating used on C-17s and is rated to last at least seven years.

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WEEK



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Whiteman Spirit Award



Senior Airman Michael and Susan McCutcheon
509th Maintenance Squadron

Senior Airman Michael and Susan McCutcheon, 509th Maintenance Squadron, received the Whiteman Spirit Award from Col. Ned Scheock, 509th Bomb Wing vice commander, Monday.

Airman 1st Class Mark and Kendy Tigbao, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, nominated the McCutcheons for the award. Senior Master Sgt. Bobby Rush, 509th BW career assistance adviser, submitted the nomination on behalf of the Tigbaos.

While Mark was attending the First-Term Airmen Center, his wife was involved in a vehicle accident in Warrensburg. Michael was driving past the accident scene when he noticed a military member was involved. He stopped to see if assistance was needed.

The McCutcheons drove to Tigbao's house to take Mark to the accident site, even though Michael was leaving for a remote assignment to Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, that night, Rush said.

Michael and Susan soon learned the Tigbaos were recently assigned to Whiteman and also new to the Air Force.

"I really appreciate what the McCutcheons did for me and my wife. I don't know how I could ever repay them," Mark said.

"I find their dedication to the Whiteman way even more amazing," Rush said. "Our Air Force family does remarkable things for each other."

Personally speaking

Duty title: Michael — metal technician at Whiteman and while assigned to the 51st Maintenance Squadron at Osan.

Time on station: 1 year, 1 month

Time in service: 5 years, 9 months

Hometown: Lubbock, Texas

Children: Collin, Brendan and Katelyn

Hobbies: Michael — Fishing, darts, working out and video games. Susan — Reading, games, arts and crafts.

Goals: Michael — to retire from the Air Force as a command chief master sergeant.

Susan — to teach U.S. history to children.

Best thing about Whiteman: Everyone around you makes you feel welcome and at home here.

Pet Peeves: People who don't help others. People who don't stand up for their beliefs.

What motivates your winning spirit? The need to help people. And our parents, who instilled courtesy and respect in us.

If you could change one thing about Whiteman, what would it be? More spouse support groups.

Spirit spotlights

... on Airmen Against Drunk Driving dispatchers and drivers **Tech Sgt. Robert Sheppard**, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, **Senior Airman Kelly Johnson**, 509th Medical Support Squadron, **Airman 1st Class Kimberly Jones**, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, and **Airman Christina Blache**, 509th Communications Squadron.

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Master Sgt. Ron Bauder, 509th Comptroller Squadron, discusses financial information with Airman 1st Class Sharath Venkatachalapathy.

1st Sergeant's View

(Editor's note: The 1st Sergeant's View gives Whiteman first sergeants a chance to remind people of correct uniform wear, customs and courtesies, and proper military decorum. Each week, a different first sergeant will share their view.)

By Master Sgt. Ron Bauder

509th Comptroller Squadron
Additional Duty First Sergeant

Military members must pay their financial obligations in a timely manner. However, sometimes an unexpected emergency or debts owed before coming into the military can place members in a very shaky financial situation.

As first sergeants, we work with members to make sure they understand their financial responsibilities and refer them to other agencies if they need assistance. We'd like to see folks before they get over their head financially, but usually we discover financial problems after a member has bounced a check at the base exchange or failed to pay a government travel card bill.

The Air Force has numerous free resources available to help members stay out of financial trouble. The Airmen's Attic provides a variety of free household and clothing items to staff sergeants and below. The family support center has free financial counseling, a food pantry and an Air Force Aid Society representative.

The legal office provides free advice to members having difficulty with a creditor and the finance staff can answer questions about military pay.

Members should keep their supervisors informed of their financial progress. If these resources are used, we can work to keep folks out of hot water.

For emergencies that don't fall under any of these areas, see your first sergeants — they have usually seen a similar situation already and probably have several suggestions on additional resources. There's really no reason members should be financially irresponsible as long as they involve their chain of command and work with available agencies to keep their finances under control.

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Photos by Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan

How does it taste?

Staff Sgt. Michael Sewell, 509th Operations Support Squadron, puts a pie in Airman 1st Class Stephanie Hoivik's face. Sewell bid \$20 to smear Hoivik's face with pie. The pie-in-the-face contest raised funds for 509th OSS squadron events. The contest was part of the squadron's annual picnic held July 11 at Skelton Park. The picnic was organized by the 509th OSS booster club. More than 200 people attended the picnic that celebrated mission success during Operation Iraqi Freedom, allowed squadron members to meet and helped boost morale. Squadron members and their families ate burgers, played horseshoes, rode paddle boats and played volleyball.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan

Time to 'pump up'

Airman 1st Class Dexter Brown, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, pumps fuel from a refueling truck into a KC-135. The aircraft transported a group of Team Whiteman members to the Royal International Air Tattoo at Royal Air Force Fairford, United Kingdom July 16.

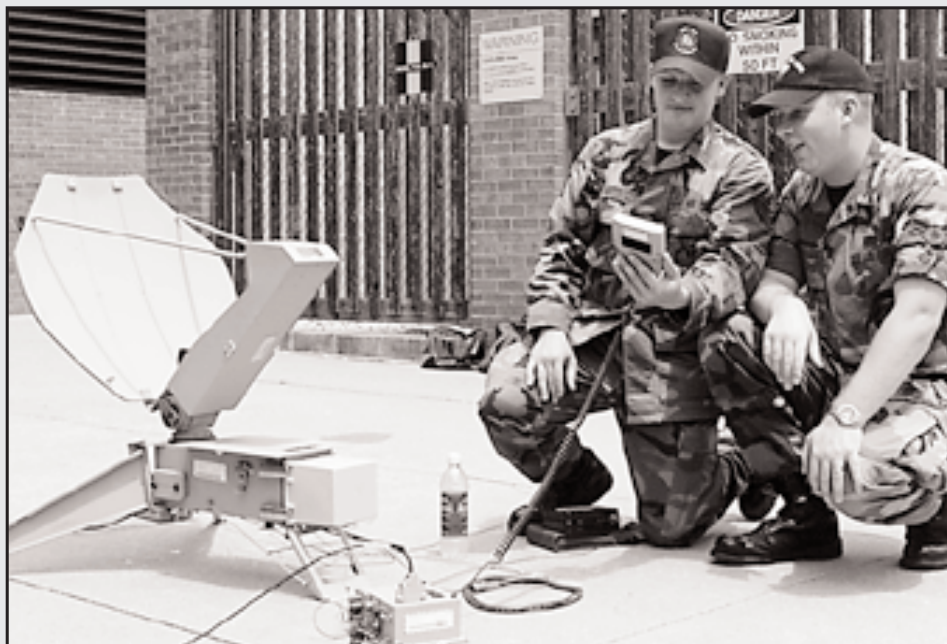
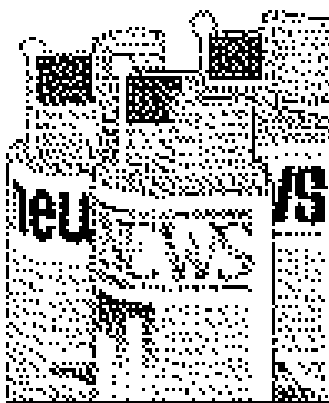


Photo by 2nd Lt. Kat Ohlmeyer

Nice dish

Airmen 1st Class Jason Carter, 509th Communications Squadron, and Jesse Behrman, 509th Bomb Wing, acquire the satellite for the Mobile Single Channel Anti-jam Man-portable for the Nuclear Surety Staff Assistance Visit team. The Mobile SCAMP enables command post members to receive emergency action traffic when at a deployed location.

Extra, extra read all about it



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Making Whiteman a home for hundreds



Photos by Airman1st Class Nick Martin

John Hammer, a painter from Rob Cruz Painting of Knob Noster, rolls the interior living room of a base housing unit. Every house undergoes a complete repainting between occupants. Cruz Painting is sub-contracted through SelRico Contractors, San Antonio, Texas. SelRico contractors handle repairs and aesthetic work done in base housing. They also maintain the common-area lawns in base housing and playgrounds.



Charles Newton, the "Yard Czar," issues a warning ticket for a utility trailer parked in base housing. Newton inspects base housing to ensure occupants are meeting Air Force standards. Violators who receive four tickets are evaluated and could lose their base housing privileges. Standards and regulations are listed in the military family housing handbook and members must agree to them before a house can be occupied.



Iris Carpenter, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron housing management assistant, talks with Airman 1st Class Craig Hoivik, 509th Communications Squadron, about moving into base housing. The military family housing office transfers occupancy of 45-60 housing units per month. The base's two inspectors divide the houses and perform four inspections per unit during the transfer. The average turn-around time between occupants is 10 days. The Air Combat Command standard for base housing occupancy is 98 percent. Whiteman averages 99.2 percent occupancy in its available base housing. Some houses are temporarily unavailable as living quarters due to housing renovation projects initiated to raise the quality of life for Air Force members.



Julie Surprise, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron military family housing inspector, uses a "pet detector" on a carpet to locate problem areas and determine if the carpeting is cleanable or must be replaced.



Terry Arnold repairs a garbage disposal in the kitchen of a base housing unit. Contractors refurbish and repair sinks, garbage disposals, cabinets, refrigerators and other household amenities. Arnold is one of 18 workers preparing houses aesthetically and functionally before a change of occupancy. Contractors are also responsible for most repairs done after a unit is occupied, including 24-hour emergency services.



First Lt. Lucinda Zepeda, 509th Munitions Squadron, and Julie Surprise, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron military family housing inspector, discuss Zepeda's new home. Before a military member can paint or modify the housing unit, an Air Force Form 332, Request to Modify Base Housing, must be submitted to the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron.

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ers only dream of. Those opportunities include traveling, seeking an education at little or no cost, working on technology that others only see on TV, leading others at a very young age and sharing a sense of family through a huge selection of recreational activities that exists in no other community.

You get out of life exactly what you put into it. Take advantage of the opportunities that are available. Participate! Decide what your dream is and go after it. Step up! If you want more, you've got to be more. There's no other way.

Seek out opportunities for challenge,

adventure and growth. I suggest looking in this paper, on base marquees, at the education center, in the 509th Services Squadron's "Gotcha" magazine, at the chapel, on posters, at the library, in your e-mail, at tickets and travel, outdoor recreation, the community center and from the volunteer coordinator at the family support center.

Great opportunities aren't going to come find you. You must get up, get out and find them. It takes some effort, but it's well worth the payoff. So be strong, have faith and now go out there, make a difference and leave nothing in the tank!

Don't miss out on Tricare benefits

Parents of newborns or adopted children must register them in the Defense Eligibility Reporting System no later than 120 days after the event to receive Tricare Prime benefits. To do this, the sponsor must take a copy of the child's birth certificate or adoption papers to the military personnel flight customer service section. After enrolling in DEERS, parents can get a Tricare enrollment form at the 509th Medical Group Tricare Service Center or at <http://www.triwest.com>. To get one by mail, call 888-TRIWEST (874-9378).



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Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan

Just a little pinch

Kalli James, American Red Cross donor services technician from Columbia, Mo., applies alcohol to the arm of Tech. Sgt. Mark Roe, 509th Communications Squadron. Whiteman members donated 87 units of blood to the American Red Cross blood drive at the community center Wednesday.

This week in 509th/ Whiteman history

July 26, 1991 — When the 100th Air Division inactivated at Whiteman, the 509th Bomb Wing, still without personnel and equipment, began reporting directly to 8th Air Force. Also on this date, Detachment 509, 100th Air Division, the precursor to the 509th BW at Whiteman, was inactivated and replaced by the newly activated Det. 509, 351st Missile Wing. Concurrently, the detachment began reporting directly to 8th Air Force.

July 23, 1996 — The first B-2 upgraded to Block 30, the *Spirit of Nebraska*, returned home after its modification at Northrop Grumman's assembly plant in Palmdale, Calif.

July 27, 1996 — The wing's 10th B-2 was named the *Spirit of Alaska*.

July 23-25, 1999 — The 393rd Bomb Squadron provided a B-2 for display at the Royal International Air Tattoo at Royal Air Force Fairford, United Kingdom. The squadron also executed arrival and departure flyovers from Fairford.

July 23-24, 1999 — U. S. Rep. Chris Shays, Conn., visited the 509th BW. At Whiteman, Shays

received briefings about the 509th and its involvement in Operation Allied Force.

July 21, 2000 — Whiteman was declared to receive a Strategic Arms Reductions Treaty Formerly Declared Facility inspection by Russian federation inspectors. The inspection team arrived at Whiteman July 22 and completed inspections in one day.

July 21-22, 2002 — Gen. Hal Hornburg, Air Combat Command commander, visited the 509th BW and Whiteman.

July 21-22, 2002 — The 393rd BS deployed 12 maintenance members and eight pilots to Fairford supporting B-2 fly-bys for the Royal International Air Tattoo's 50th anniversary.

July 22-26, 2002 — The 509th BW conducted exercise Spirit Force 02-05, Readiness Spirit 01-06 at Whiteman. The wing received an overall rating of satisfactory.

July 26, 2002 — Maj. Scott Ross assumed command of the 509th Services Squadron from Maj. Ed Brown who held the command since May 20, 2000.

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It's a bird, it's a B-2, it's ...

Jake Copeland, son of retired Master Sgt. Keith and Pam Copeland, does his impersonation of the B-2 while diving into the base pool. The base pool hours for open swim are 1:15 p.m.-6 p.m. weekdays, and 12 p.m.-6 p.m. Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. The pool is open for normal hours during Spirit Days. There is an entry fee of \$1.50 for military, dependents and civilians with valid government I.D. card holders. The cost is \$2 for all others.

What's happening

Education

For more details, visit
<https://wwwmil.whiteman.af.mil/509mss/educ/homepage.htm>

Family Support

Call 687-7132 for details on these events or other family support center activities. Events take place at the FSC.

Commissioning briefing set

A commissioning briefing begins at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the base education and training services building in Room 112. For details, call Cathy Brogan at 687-5750.

Pre-separation briefing set

A pre-separation briefing for people separating from the military begins at 9 a.m. Monday. Representatives from the military personnel flight, family support center, Reserve and finance will provide information. The MPF separations and retirements office schedules members for this briefing.

Community

ALS sets class 03-F events

✓ The airman leadership school class 03-F retreat ceremony begins at 4 p.m. Aug. 1 at the flagpole at Bldg. 509. Participants must be in place by 3:45 p.m.

✓ Reveille begins at 7:30 a.m. Aug. 5 at the ALS drill pad. Arrival time is 7:25 a.m.

✓ Graduation begins at 5:30 p.m. Aug. 5 at Mission's End. The fifth Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Robert Gaylor is the speaker.

The meal is marinated chicken breast with garlic mashed potatoes and balsamic vegetables. Cost is \$12.35 for members and \$14.35 for nonmembers. Attire is mess dress or semi-formal for military members, and coat and tie for civilians. Tickets are available from members of class 03-F.

Cookie-stacking contest set

The commissary hosts a cookie-stacking contest at 11 a.m. July 26. Prizes will be awarded in three age categories. For more details, call 687-5655.

Clothing drive set

A clothing drive begins at 10 a.m. July 26 in the Challenger Hall parking lot. Bring serviceable clothing to donate to the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Johnson County. For more details, e-mail Airman 1st Class Donald Walsh at donald.walsh@whiteman.af.mil.

Class helps with move

A mandatory smooth move seminar for people planning to move overseas begins at 1 p.m. Tuesday. Facilitators will discuss the financial benefits associated with moving and provide a variety of useful resources. PCS orders aren't necessary and spouses are encouraged to attend.

Pre-deployment briefing set

A mandatory pre-deployment briefing for people who are deploying or going on a temporary duty assignment for more than 30 days begins at 1 p.m. Wednesday.

WIC representative visits base

A WIC representative is available beginning at 8:30 a.m. Thursday. WIC includes nutrition education, health promotion and a supplemental food program to help women, infants and children who have nutritional needs. For more details, call the WIC office in Warrensburg at 660-747-2012.

Youth safety training available

Youth 12 and older can learn basic safety, nutrition, first aid, and infant and child CPR beginning at 9 a.m. Friday. Reservations are required.

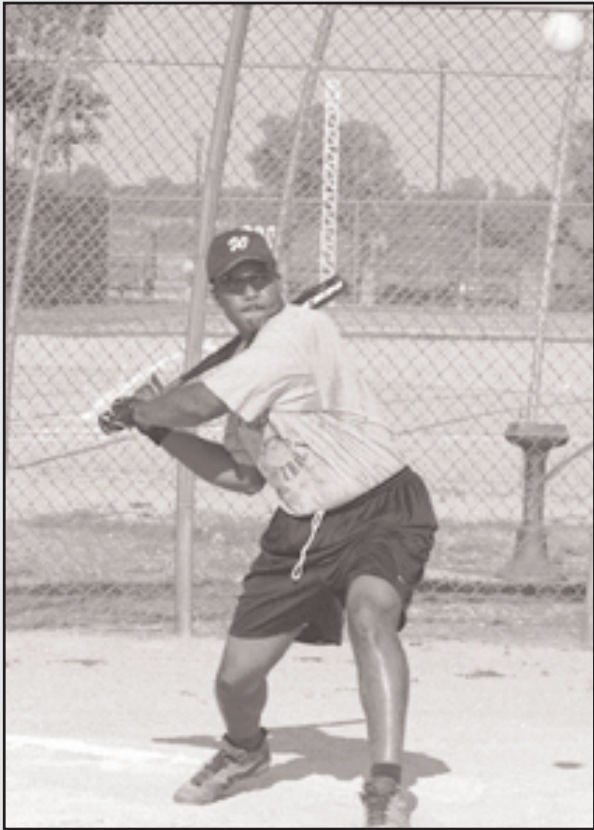


Photo by Master Sgt. David Myette

Winners in Warrensburg

Spencer Carter, 509th Maintenance Squadron, eyes a high pitch during a Whiteman Spirit varsity softball team practice. The varsity softball team rolled to a first-place finish in the Warrensburg Men's Summer League. Whiteman went undefeated and finished with a sparkling 16-0 record. Hot bats powered Whiteman's offense, as Roger Strom, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, Ron Morris, 509th Services Squadron, Ray Mancini, 509th Security Forces Squadron, and Tony Mejia, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron each batted over .700, said coach Fred Missey. Missey said the key to his team's strong defense, was speed and arm strength. The team's next tournament the Show-Me Games July 26-27 in Columbia, Mo., and the Missouri State Softball Tournament Aug. 1-3 in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Current as of Wednesday

Extramural Softball Standings

Team	WIN	LOSS
CHIEFS	6	2
FLYERS	6	1
STINGRAYS	5	2
CES	4	5
WEAPONS	4	4
AGE	4	4
CREW CHIEFS	3	5
325th	3	4
STRUC	2	6
SFS	1	7

Intramural Softball Standings
American League

Team	WIN	LOSS
SFS	11	1
CES	11	1
MXS	9	2
LRS A	7	5
MUNS	6	7
AMXS	5	8
OSS	5	7
MED	4	7
CS	2	10
LRS B	0	12

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Whiteman hosts Special Olympics softball games

**Story and photos
by Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan**
Public Affairs

Whiteman members showed their support in large numbers at the 12th annual Special Olympics softball tournament Saturday.

More than 170 volunteers escorted, umpired and cheered the participants.

"It really impressed (the participants) to see the amount of volunteers that came out," said Master Sgt. Ronald Gribble, 509th Services Squadron.

The event featured 223 athletes on 19 softball teams and four special events teams.

Members of the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron provided courtesy tents while 509th Medical Group members manned the tents. The 509th MedGp members provided first aid and water for the participants.

The 509th Communications Squadron loaned land mobile radios for event coordinators and portable sound systems for game announcers. The 509th SVS helped host and organize the event, while the Whiteman Honor Guard presented the colors during the opening ceremonies. Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Keith Darlington, 509th Bomb Wing, led a prayer during the ceremonies and Col. Gary Finchum, 509th Mission Support Group commander, was a guest speaker.

"People took time out of their busy schedules to help teams out," Gribble said. "That says an incredible amount about (Team Whiteman's) dedication to and support for Special Olympics."



Airman 1st Class James Casselman, Staff Sgt. Joseph Clark, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Tech. Sgt. Dave Hodges, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, Airman 1st Class Joshua Keyes, 509th AMXS, and Senior Airman Amber Euman, 509th Communications Squadron, hold up signs with the names of teams they sponsored. More than 170 Whiteman members volunteered to help with the event, in which 19 softball teams participated.



Airman 1st Class Holly Beauregard, 509th Services Squadron, poses with a Special Olympian from the Jefferson City, Mo., Cats team. Whiteman volunteers escorted, umpired and cheered the teams at Saturday's games.



The team USA third baseman waits for the throw as a Trojan Renegades player races to safety. A Trojan Renegade coach cheers the runner on.



Staff Sgt. Geoffrey Edwards, 509th Medical Group, sang the national anthem during the 15th annual Special Olympics softball tournament opening ceremony.



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Outdoor Recreation **687-5565**

Open water scuba class

Marty Naakgeboren, Sandy Paws diving instructor, teaches a one-week course on open water scuba diving beginning at 5:30 p.m. Aug. 11-15. Class times are broken into two sections 5:30-7:30 p.m. at outdoor recreation and 7:30-10 p.m. at the base pool. Cost is \$190 for the class. Students must attend an orientation class beginning at 5:30 p.m. July 31 at outdoor recreation. Sign up by July 31.

Stockton Lake pontoon training

Pack a lunch and bring your swimsuit 8 a.m.-6 p.m. July 26 to Stockton Lake in Stockton, Mo. Learn how to trailer and dock a boat. Cost is \$10 for transportation. Bring money for dinner. Sign up by Wednesday.

Mark Twain State Park

A camping and boating trip begins at 1 p.m. Aug. 1 and ends at 2 p.m. Aug. 3 at Mark Twain State Park near Florida, Mo. The cost is \$25 and includes camping equipment. A pretrip meeting takes place 6-7 p.m. Wednesday at outdoor recreation.

Mission's End **687-4422**

Karaoke

Enjoy and an evening of karaoke at 8 p.m. today in the Lavene Lounge.

Youth Center **687-5586**

Multi-cultural craft day

Kindergartners through fourth graders can make a Greek mask, tepee and multi-cultural picture frame 10 a.m.-noon Wednesday. The cost is \$2 for members and \$3 for nonmembers. Sign up Monday and Tuesday.

Under the sea

Kindergartners through fourth graders can make crafts, fish in our fish pond to win small prizes, play games and more 6:30-9:30 p.m. July 25. Cost is \$4 for members and \$5.50 for nonmembers.

Wet-n-wild night

Fifth through seventh graders can play water games and hang out with friends 6-9 p.m. July 26. Cost is \$2 for members and \$4 for nonmembers.

Before- and after-school program

The before- and after-school program is enrolling for fall for first through sixth graders. The program is open 6:30-8:15 a.m. and 3:15-6 p.m. Placements and orientation take place Aug. 4-8. Stop by the youth center to complete a request for care.

National Kids Day

Kindergartners through 12th graders can celebrate National Kids Day 6-9 p.m. Aug. 3 at the base pool. Activities include swimming, bingo, water balloon toss, lollipop walk and more. This is a free event. Sign up by Aug. 3 at the youth center. Snacks and drinks are provided.

Stars & Strikes **687-5114**

Kids lunch and bowl

Dependent children purchasing a kids' meal July-August can bowl two free games, including rental shoes, for \$4 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. weekdays.

Community Center **687-5617**

Wanted ...

Sixty aspiring actors and actresses to take part in the Missoula Children's Theater International Tour Project Aug. 4 in the youth center. Auditions begin at 10 a.m. Whiteman youths in kindergarten through 12th grade can audition for this professionally produced musical. Sign up by Aug. 1. For more information, call the community center. Sponsored in part by Crown Ford.*

Truman Opry bus trip

Enjoy some of the finest and funniest from Branson's Ozark Jubilee 6-11 p.m. Saturday at the Truman Opry in Tightwad, Mo. The cost of \$18 includes transportation. Call the community center for more details.

Skills Development Center **687-5691**

Frame class

Learn how to cut a single and double mat, assemble cut glass and join a frame 9 a.m.-noon Wednesday. Cost of \$40 includes supplies. Students must bring a 5x7 or smaller photo to frame.

Stepping stone class

Learn how to create a garden stone using cement and glass 10 a.m.-noon Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Cost is \$35 plus glass.

Auto Skills **687-5689**

Auto system electrical check

Auto skills offers an auto system electrical check 3-5 p.m. Wednesday. Cost is \$5.

Radiator flush

Flush the radiator system with up to two gallons of antifreeze. Cost is \$55. By appointment only. Call 660-238-2675 to schedule an appointment. Some restrictions may apply.

Fitness Center **687-5496**

Tour de Missouri

Join the Tour de Missouri and earn awards in July, August and September. Miles may be earned on the bike, treadmill, cross-trainer, stair climber, rowing machine and warrior jogging course. Open to valid government ID card holders 16 or older. Call for more details.

Tickets & Travel **687-5643**

Summer family vacation drawing

Enter to win a package to Fun Central Vacation in Arlington, Texas.* The package includes a two-night stay with Country Inn & Suites, four tickets to Six Flags, Hurricane Harbor, Ripley's Palace of Wax and Ripley's Believe It or Not, and a Texas Ranger home game. The drawing is at 6 p.m. today and is open to valid government ID card holders. No purchase necessary to enter.

Way to go!

Tickets & Travel agent Christina McCormick (right) presents a certificate to Airman 1st Class Kimberly White, 509th Munitions Squadron, for a two-night getaway at Notch Inn & Suites.* Stop by Tickets & Travel to enter the monthly drawing for great prizes.



Royal Oaks **687-5572**

Course championship

The Royal Oaks course championship takes place Aug. 9-10. Win a two-night stay at Thousand Hills Golf Resort in Branson, Mo. This event is open to valid government ID card holders. The winner will continue on to the Air Combat Command Championship Aug. 26-29 at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb. Sponsored in-part by Fowler's Family Autos and Thousand Hills Golf Resort.*

Library **687-5614**

Finale party

Youth participating in the summer reading club program will be rewarded with a pizza party, games and prizes 6:30-8 p.m. July 25 at the base library.

Teen Center **687-5819**

3-on-3 basketball tournament

Sign up for a basketball tournament 6-9 p.m. Saturday at the teen center. Cost is \$3 for a team of three, and \$1 for individuals and spectators. The teen center closes at 5 p.m. for this event.

TRAIL meeting

TRAIL members meet 2-3 p.m. Tuesday at the teen center to plan the August rafting trip and plan trips for the winter.

Healthy snack workshop

Learn how to create nutritious snacks in a microwave or blender. Write down your favorite recipes to share with others at 6-8 p.m. Thursday. Cost is free for members and \$2 for nonmembers.

Operation night hoops

Eighth through 12th graders can participate in a free basketball league July 25, Aug. 1 and Aug. 15 at the fitness center. This event is sponsored in-part by First Command.* Call the teen center for more details.

Whiteman Base Theater

Friday

Dumb and Dumberer 7 p.m. PG-13
Starring — Eric Christian Olsen & Derek Richardson
Set in 1986 when mentally challenged best friends Harry and Lloyd were teenagers. This is the madcap comic tale of their attempt to get out of the "special need" department and into regular high school life.

Saturday

Finding Nemo 3 p.m. G
Animated — Marlin desperately searches the sea for his missing son, Nemo, who finds himself in a dentist's fish tank in Sydney, Australia, along with other underwater captives. As Nemo works with his new friends on a plan to escape their tank, Marlin swims closer, but he'll need more than just fins to get into the dentist's office.

2 Fast 2 Furious 7 p.m. PG-13
Starring — Paul Walker & Tyrese Gibson
Former cop Brian O'Conner teams up with his ex-con pal Roman Pearce to transport a shipment of dirty money for shady Miami-based import-export dealer Carter Verone, while actually working with undercover agent Monica Clemente to bring Verone down.

Sunday

Down With Love 5:30 p.m. PG-13
Starring — Ewan McGregor & Renee Zellweger
Feminist writer Barbara Novak has just penned "Down With Love," a book denouncing romance in favor of career goals. When her new work hits the best seller list, she is tracked down by womanizing journalist Catcher Block, and an unlikely romance blooms.

Adults \$3 Youth \$1.50
Movie recording line 687-5110.